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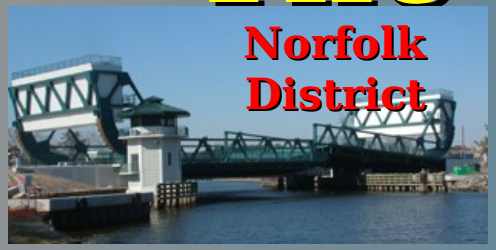
Regionalization In Planning: The NAD Approach



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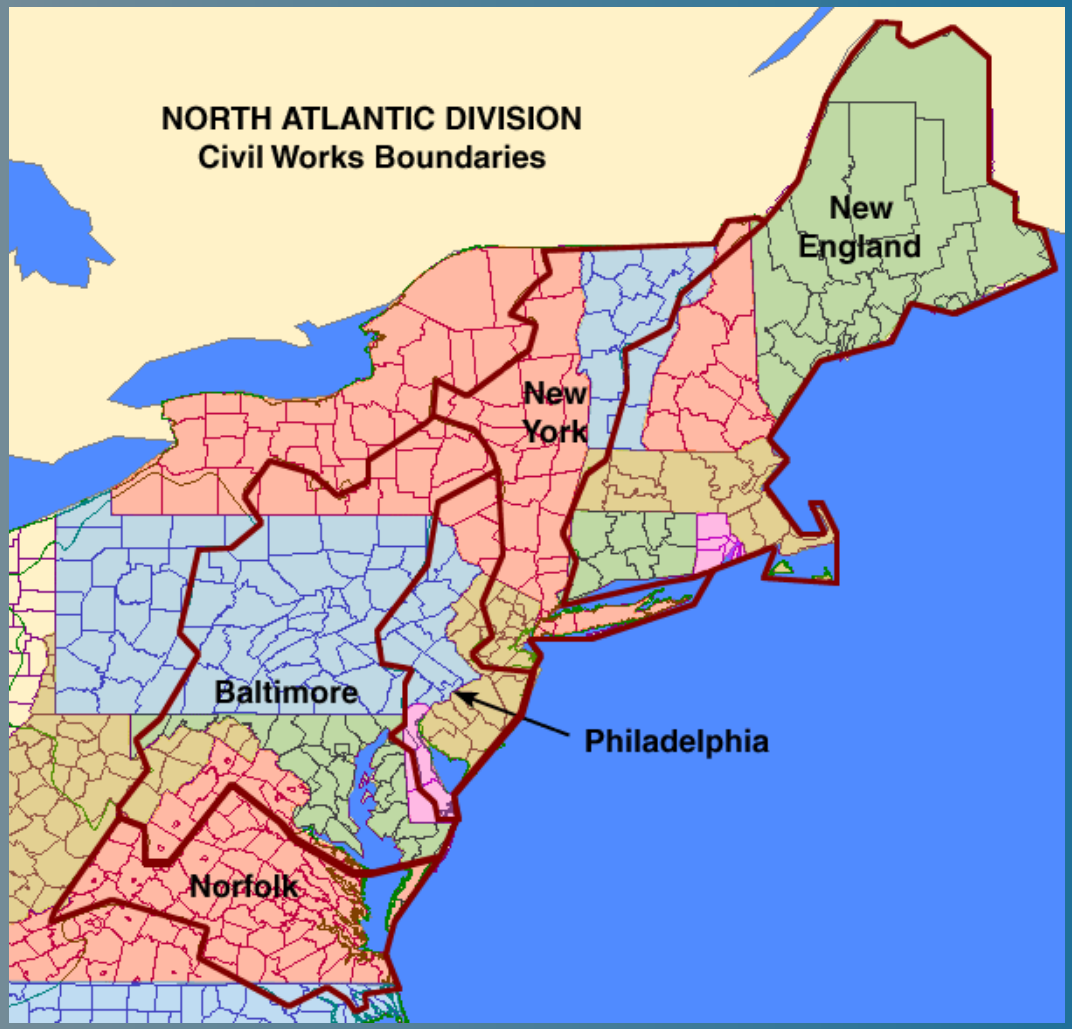

REGIONAL PLANNING VISION STATEMENT

To effectively leverage planning and related technical resources to address water resources needs and opportunities in our region and the Nation.

- ***Responsiveness***
- ***Flexibility***
- ***High quality PL services***
- ***Virtual***
- ***Customer orientation***
- ***Regional resources***

REGIONAL GOALS

- Sustain & enhance Planning capabilities
- Regional and local program development
- Strong, local customer relationships and support
- Maximize flexibility in workforce utilization
- Enhance professional development
- Nationally responsive PCX
- Strong regional and inter-district relationships

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- Planning Advisory Board
- National Planning Center of Expertise for Hurricane and Storm Damage Prevention (PCX-HSDP)
- Technical Specialist Program
- Program Development
- Study Execution
- Workload Management

Regional Planning Advisory Board

- "BOND" of District Chiefs of Planning & NAD PCoP
- Meets quarterly
- Provides strategy, direction & regional management
  - Future missions
  - Regional workload management
  - Advance technical capability of region
- SOP's
- Connectivity to Regional Management Board

NATIONAL PLANNING CENTER OF EXPERTISE FOR HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE PREVENTION (PCX –HSDP)

- National planning services support center for HSDP plan formulation, economics and environmental.
- Virtual & flexible
- Manage HSDP ITR's, Peer Reviews & model certifications. LaCPR & MsCIP.
- Provides national recognition for regional planners.
- SWAT Team, website
- "Door" to other PCX's

Regional Technical Specialist Program

- GS-13 technical expertise for the region in
  - Plan Formulation
  - Economics
  - Environmental
- Lead EITR
- Support PCX-HSDP activities
- Technical career path strengthens professional development & regional expertise

Regional Program Development

- Local presence – regional customers
  - PADEP, NYDEC, NJDEP
  - Chesapeake Bay Program
  - Watersheds: DRBC, SRBC, Conn River

- Strategic Relationships: FEMA, EPA, DOI
- Coastal America Wetland Restoration Plan- regional focus: NJ, DE, VA, NY, CT, MA, NH, RI, ME.
- NAD Environmental Chiefs Forum for regional agency relationship building - May 06
- MOU between The Nature Conservancy & N
- Congressional outreach
- Planning services for regional Military and SFO customers

The Nature Conservancy
SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH

Regional Program Execution

- **Project Execution:**
  - ► **Chesapeake Bay**
    Native Oyster Recovery
  - ► **Long Island Sound**

Oyster Recovery
1986 Harvest:
00,000 Bushels
2000 Harvest:
< 500,000 Bushels
Oysters clean Bay water by filtering pollutants. Clean water lets light reach sea grasses and helps them grow
Restoration program is creating new oyster bars with hatchery & natural larvae.

- **Regional Sediment Management**

- **Progressive Section 22 PAS & FPMS programs, limited by funding.**

REGIONAL WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT

THROUGH REGIONAL PAB:

- ► Regional & district workload forecast
- ► Workload Sharing
- ► Expertise Sharing
- ► Assess capable workforce
- ► Manage through both long and short term

Norfolk District

IN CONCLUSION

- **Regionalization is achieved by the Regional PAB.**
- **Districts initiate and maintain close and regular contact with customers.**
- **Regional customers addressed at watershed level.**
- **Regional expertise is transparently applied to projects…improves our products.**
- **Workload imbalances are resolved through regional cooperation.**
- **Regional strengths are effectively applied to meet national needs.**
- **Planning expertise is exportable beyond the Civil Works Program.**

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QUESTIONS???